

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S401–S450

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2974–2981, and S. Res. 405–406. **Pages S439–40**

Measures Reported:

S. 1733, to create clean energy jobs, promote energy independence, reduce global warming pollution, and transition to a clean energy economy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–121)

S. 1524, to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–122)

Report to accompany S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market. (S. Rept. No. 111–123)

S. 1749, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or use of cell phones and similar wireless devices by Federal prisoners, with amendments. **Page S438**

Measures Passed:

Freedom of Expression and Press Freedom: Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, reaffirming the centrality of freedom of expression and press freedom as cornerstones of United States foreign policy and United States efforts to promote individual rights. **Pages S447–48**

Honoring Catholic Schools: Senate agreed to S. Res. 406, recognizing the goals of Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Page S448**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–44) **Pages S435–36**

Smith Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. **Pages S406–09, S409–31**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 12 p.m., on Thursday, February 4, 2010, and that all post-cloture time be considered expired except for 20 minutes; with that time equally divided and controlled between Senators Harkin and Enzi, or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S431**

Johnson Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, February 4, 2010, upon disposition of the nomination of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services, and that there be two hours of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use of time, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be yielded back, and Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S431**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert William Heun, of Alaska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

Willie Lee Richardson, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Georgia for the term of four years.

72 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

9 Army nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S431–33, S448–50**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Michele Marie Leonhart, of California, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement. **Page S448**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S448.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011, the Future Years Defense Program, the 2011 Quadrennial Defense Review, and the 2011 Missile Defense Review, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Defense.

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Douglas B. Wilson, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Malcolm Ross O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Mary Sally Matiella, of Arizona, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for

Installations and Environment, all of the Department of Defense, and 1,802 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

HIGH-RISK INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prohibiting certain high-risk investment activities by banks and bank holding companies, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board; and Neal S. Wolin, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, who was introduced by Senator Begich, and Patricia A. Hoffman, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Bisa Williams, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, and Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, who was introduced by Senator Warner and Representative Towns, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the